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Weekend Weather

Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
74 46 10%	77 48 10%	80 50 10%

Source: <http://weather.com>

NUMBER CRUNCH

40,460

Number of projected deaths among women caused by breast cancer in 2007.

Source: cms.komen.org

Fighting flu infection



Erin Gish / Senior Photographer
Sophomore Lindsey Hansen gets the flu vaccine last Monday. The vaccine was provided by GCSU Health Services to prepare for the season, which is from November to April.

BY CHRISTIN IVEY
STAFF REPORTER

It's the season for sniffles, sneezes and sickness, but GCSU Student Health Services is here to help. Starting last week, the flu vaccine is now available to GCSU students and faculty for \$20.

The beginning of the flu season starts in November and lasts until April, making this month the prime time to get protected. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the single best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu

vaccine every year.

This year GCSU Health Services ordered 300 doses of the Influenza vaccine, 100 more than last year. According to Alice Loper, director of Student Health Services, only 181 flu shots have been administered so far, the majority to GCSU faculty.

Marlene Lovejoy, GCSU admission specialist, found out about GCSU flu shots through the faculty email.

"It's so wonderful and convenient. I get a flu shot every year ever since I got the flu really bad in my

20s," Lovejoy said.

According to the CDC, over 200,000 people are hospitalized each year for the flu, which results in more than 69 million missed work and school days. With the flu season peaking right around finals week, a \$20 flu shot might be a good idea, just ask Robin Eckenroth.

"I got the flu this past spring and I thought I was dying," Eckenroth, a junior music therapy major, said. Eckenroth's flu developed into an upper

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Leland stresses growth, learning

BY ALI DUCKWORTH
STAFF WRITER

President Dorothy Leland delivered the annual University Convocation to GCSU faculty, staff and students in Russell Auditorium last Monday afternoon.

Leland began her address by thanking the faculty and staff "who have encouraged, counseled, coached and challenged (the) students."

"Such actions exemplify the pride, commitment and creative spirit that have long sustained this university and shaped its character," Leland said.

Last year's University Convocation focused on the theme of change and the importance of securing GCSU as Georgia's public liberal arts university. Over the past year, GCSU has focused on two "pillars of distinction" which centers heavily on "learning beyond the classroom."

"This, no doubt, is why (GCSU) already offers students significant opportunities to participate in field-based experiences, study abroad, internships, mentoring programs, faculty guided

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City, campus collaborate on parking situation

BY SPENCER LITLAND
STAFF WRITER

Several months after the city of Milledgeville changed the parking policy on Hancock Street and Wilkinson street to two-hour parking during the busiest times of the day, the city has come forth with financial reasons for making their decision.

The city states that cars remaining stagnant in the same spot for sometimes days on end hurt local businesses, and deprived

the city millions of dollars in revenue each year.

The change was met with contention by many students, some of whom believed the policy was put into effect directly to hurt the student body. The city of Milledgeville insists this is not the case.

Heather Holder, the executive director of Downtown Development in Milledgeville, stated that the changes were put into place in order to

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Amanda Boddy / Staff Writer

Zeta Tau Alpha has sold approximately 1,220 ribbons to educate people about the severity of Breast Cancer. The ribbons are on display in the library.

Zeta Tau Alpha thinks pink to beat breast cancer

BY AMANDA BODDY
STAFF WRITER

For the month of October, the message that Zeta Tau Alpha is spreading to the school is "Think Pink." October is national breast cancer awareness month, and efforts to raise awareness, along with its signature pink color can be seen campus-wide. The cause is being supported by Zeta Tau Alpha as the sorority's philanthropy.

Rachel Cline, a freshman member of the sorority, explains that philanthropy "is something to

keep a sorority involved with the school and to inform students about an important cause." Breast Cancer Awareness is the universal philanthropy of every chapter of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

Sophomore Amber Hyde, who has held the position of service chair of the sorority since last April, tells us that the main way that Zeta Tau Alpha works to raise awareness is their "Think Pink" tables that are set up on campus.

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Student injuries in crosswalk accidents prompts open forum

BY KYLE COLLINS
SENIOR REPORTER

Richard Malone, Milledgeville's new deputy chief of police, met with GCSU Police Monday to discuss the safety of campus crosswalks. In the past year, several students have been struck by vehicles around campus, two of which resulted in injuries. The specific crosswalks discussed are on East

Hancock and Montgomery Streets.

The Georgia Department of Transportation must approve any suggestions to change crosswalks or stop lights in Milledgeville.

The GDOT determines any action because the roads in question are both state highways. GA highway 49 and 22 bring traffic flow through the commerce district downtown.

Large tractor trailer trucks use these state roads in addition to student and citizen traffic, which increases the risk of pedestrian injury.

Malone said a proactive approach in conjunction with city and GDOT engineers could help solve any issues. Placing counters during peak times would measure the pedestrian and vehicular traffic around campus.

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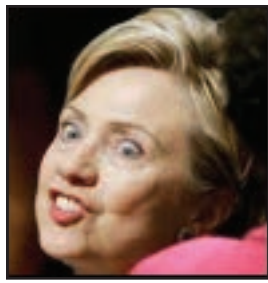
Lee Sandow / Senior Reporter

The crosswalk crossing Hancock street from the Student Activities Center to Main Campus is causing traffic on Hancock and Clarke Street to be stalled frequently.

Meet the candidates

2008 Presidential election hopefuls

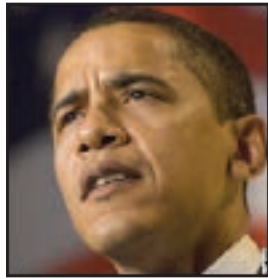
The Democrats



Hillary Rodham Clinton
Current Job/Position: Senator from New York

View on Iraq:
"I believe that the President should abandon his escalation of the war in Iraq and offer a change in course of his failing strategy."
Letter to constituents - Sept. 20, 2007

Fun Fact: Wrote to NASA when she was child asking for information on how to become an astronaut. NASA wrote back that women could not be astronauts.
encarta.msn.com/media



Barack Obama
Current Job/Position: Senator from Illinois

View on Iraq:
"Iraq has not been a failure of resolve, it has been a failure of strategy and that strategy must change. It is time to bring a responsible end to this conflict."

obama_senate.gov/speech
Fun Fact: Obama is a self-admitted cigarette smoker.
www.tnr.com



John Edwards
Current Job/Position: Director for Center on Poverty; trial lawyer

View on Iraq:
"We don't need debate; we don't need non-binding resolutions; we need to end this war. In order to get the Iraqi people to take responsibility for their country we must show them we are serious about leaving and the best way to do that is to actually start leaving."

johnedwards.com/issues/iraq
Fun Fact: Revealed in a report filed by the Federal Election Commission that he pays \$400 a haircut when alleviating poverty is one of the main themes of his campaign.
www.foxnews.com

BY BROOKE WILLIAMS
SENIOR REPORTER

As the 2008 presidential elections get closer, candidate hopefuls begin to turn up the heat on the campaign trail. For the first time in over half a century a sitting president or vice president will not be a candidate for nomination of either major party. So as the Bush family enjoys their last few months at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue here is a look at a few of the many presidential hopefuls from the right and the left. This will help get you started in your search for the next man or woman that could best fit your needs and fulfill their expected duties as President of the United States of America.

The Republicans

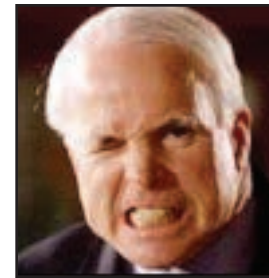


Rudy Giuliani
Current Job/Position: Lawyer

View on Iraq:
"When has a nation ever won a war when the constant discussion was: What kind of timetable are we going to set for our retreat? In order to win, you have to set an objective. The objective should be an Iraq that is going to help us in the terrorists' war against us."

2007 GOP debate at UNH

Random Quote: "Why is Chelsea Clinton so ugly? Because her father is Janet Reno."
funny-stories.org/dumb-quotes



John McCain
Current Job/Position: Senator from Arizona

View on Iraq:
"The surge is working and we have to rally the American people. I want our troops home with honor. Otherwise, we will face catastrophe and genocide in the region."

2007 GOP debate at UNH

Fun Fact: If elected as president in 2008, he would be 3 years older than Ronald Reagan, at the time of his inauguration, the oldest elected president to date.
www.azcentral.com



Ron Paul
Current Job/Position: Representative from Texas

View on Iraq:
"We have lost over 5,000 Americans killed in Afghanistan & Iraq, plus the civilians killed. How many more you want to lose? How long are you going to be there? What do we have to pay to save face? That's all we're doing, is saving face. It's time we came home."

2007 GOP debate at UNH

Fun Fact: Former obstetrician has delivered more than 4,000 babies.
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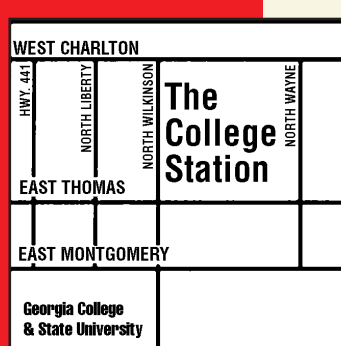
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research and creative projects and service learning," Leland said.

The focal point of the second pillar is the residential college setting in Milledgeville. Participants with the strategic focus initiative have urged GCSU to link living and learning, and provide "meaningful out-of-class interactions between faculty, staff and students."

The strategic focusing initiative also attempts to identify what academic programs could possibly reach national recognition as exceptional. Those related to the undergraduate student learning are still being examined by planning teams.

Funding strategies are also in the process of being identified, which will aide in the assistance of academic program enhancements.

The Board of Regents has recently adopted a new strategic plan for the University System of Georgia which will significantly impact GCSU.

"This goal is to 'renew excellence in undergraduate education to meet students of the 21st century need'," Leland said.

This first goal plans to include a system-wide focus on improved academic advising, as well as improved student retention and completion.

The plan also seeks new opportunities to compete for funding, to improve this first goal. A related objective also seeks to international education and study abroad.

"This objective seeks to increase the number of students who participate in study abroad and provides incentives for internationalizing the major," Leland said.

The plan also calls for a "reconstructing of the core curriculum to focus on a common System set of competence that reflect the

knowledge and skills expected of an educated person in the 21st century."

The second goal of the new plan is to "create enrollment capacity." This means the University System of Georgia hopes to increase the student population by 100,000 by the year 2020. This would represent a 40 percent increase in capacity.

While some faculty members agree with Leland that there will be an increase in student enrollment they do not believe it will significantly affect the Milledgeville campus.

"Clearly Georgia College is somewhat limited by our historic location, and our historic campus so I don't think we can take in 2,000 more students, unless we do something like develop the West Campus more or like what the president was talking about, making the Macon campus be the barer of most of those extra students, in which case I think it's probably a positive thing for us," Associate Professor of English Dr. Mary Magoulick said.

Dr. Hedwig Fraunhofer, associate professor of French/German, also agrees saying the increase is not going to impact GCSU to a large degree.

"We have a unique mission in the university system-our enrollment. We are not enrollment driven," Fraunhofer said. "That's one of our signs of distinction- we are small, and we have small class sizes, and it's more interactions with the professors."

Although the exact growth percentages are not specified in the Systems' plan, Leland predicts GCSU will "continue to limit growth on our Milledgeville campus, and focus instead on moderate growth at the graduate level in Macon."

The plan also hopes to put a strong emphasis on distance learning. This is a challenge for GCSU, as our campus strongly focuses and specializes in face-to-face instruction and hands-

on involvement.

The University Systems plan calls for developing an "RFP (request for proposal) process award 'franchises' to particular institutions for specific on-line degree programs."

Another objective would include establishing a need-based financial aid program, which would benefit students from economically challenged families.

The Systems' third goal is to increase the "participation in research and economic development to the benefit of a Global Georgia."

While the details of this goal are still in the works, objectives include "incentives for federal and industry research funding, developing a plan for improving graduate education in targeted areas, and including a system-level academic program plan for workforce development related to Georgia's strategic industries."

The Plan hopes to "partnership with the K-12 and technical education systems."

The final goal of the Strategic Plan will impact the institutional support of our university. Objectives for this goal include "energy conservation, employee training and development, and a process improvement program focused on Lean Six Sigma."

Leland predicts that GCSU will withstand the pressures of increases enrollment, by focusing on the quality of our undergraduate program. Our strategic focus on the strength of our reputation will continue to grow with an increase in study abroad, undergraduate research, field experience, internships and the core curriculum.

"Our retention and graduation rates continue to climb upward, our students will become increasingly competitive," Leland said. "The University System of Georgia's Strategic Plan frames our future, and that future remains outs for the making."

For Tara Lanciotti, getting a flu shot is a must.

"I get sick every year," Lanciotti, junior mass communication major said. "I didn't get (a flu shot) last year and ended up in the hospital in January and again in June." The only drawback, Lanciotti warns, is a sore arm, but to prevent a trip to the hospital, it's well worth it.

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and constantly feeling like your body just got run over by the Bobcat Shuttle, getting a flu shot might just be the best \$20 you'll ever spend.

To get your shot, come by the Student Health Services, located in the front of Beeson Hall, Monday through Friday from 8:15 to 4:30 p.m. Flu shots will be available until they run out and the cost is \$20 cash, check or via your Bobcat Card.

New RSO renewal process takes effect

BY ANDY KELLY
STAFF WRITER

The phones in the campus life office rang constantly last Thursday as the Registered Student Organization (RSO) five o'clock deadline approached.

The entire RSO renewal process has undergone huge changes. The changes are only for current RSOs that are attempting to renew their status, not organizations that want to become an RSO.

Jason Long, Captain of the Ski Team, explains the importance of becoming an RSO.

"Without RSO status, the group doesn't really stand a chance," Long said. "RSO status allows for more members, funding and privileges."

Tom Miles, director of Campus Life, is excited about the new process.

"Everything is integrated in the new system," said Miles. "It is one stop shopping."

For RSOs renewing their status, instead of filling out stacks of paper, everything is now online at the campus life website.

"As the technology advances, we have to keep up with the trend," Miles said.

To prepare students for using the new software, club manager, Miles helped direct several train-

ing sessions.

"It took some time getting used to the new process," said Miles. "I believe it is much easier to use."

Jason White, chair of the College Republicans, finds the new RSO registration method a little tedious.

"I don't like the online registration," said White. "It leaves a lot of doubt."

White has mixed feelings on the website as a whole.

"It's easier to register for fund raisers and keep track of your members," White said. "However, it's very impersonal and confusing."

Although he has experienced a few problems, White is still hopeful that the new system will prove to be an asset in the end.

Both campus life and the RSOs themselves have been experiencing problems with advisors not being tuned into what is going on with each organization. In the new process, Miles wants to avoid that confusion.

"Now when an organization posts an event, it goes to the advisor first and, once reviewed, the event is sent to campus life for final approval," said Miles. "We are hoping this new system will keep both the advisors and RSOs in sync with each other."

Jason Long finds this

feature one of the strongest with the new system.

"We (Ski Team) have had trouble in the past keeping our advisor informed about all the events and meetings," Long said. "Good communication is key and the new system will help with that."

Student response to both the training sessions and the new website have been extremely positive according to Miles.

"I have trained over 80 organizations and about 60 advisors in the past few days," said Miles. "I'm very excited to take this website to the next level."

None of the qualifications for becoming an RSO have changed, only the registration process. Once a group receives RSO status from the Student Government Association, the organization has that status for life.

Miles stresses that the new process makes it easier for all students to find out what is going on at GCSU.

"When a student goes to the website, the first thing that they will see is a calendar with all the events going on at GCSU on any day," Miles said. "The site is one stop shopping."

The new campus life website is located at: <http://info.gcsu.edu/intranet/campuslife>.

Flu

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respiratory infection and landed her a trip to the hospital.

On average, it takes about one to two weeks to recover from the flu, but in some cases, like with Eckenroth, the flu can lead to more serious health problems like bacterial infections and pneumonia.

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Every Thursday in the month of October, the sorority sets up a table by the fountain where they sell pink ribbons for one dollar each on which people can put their name.

The sorority also passes out pink ribbons, show-er cards with instructions for self exams, and information about breast cancer in an effort to educate the school about their philanthropy.

"(Ribbons) are a way to encourage women to do self-exams and to help everyone to be aware of this deadly disease," Hyde said.

They have so far sold about 1,220 ribbons which are now on display in the library. Shannon Morris, the curator of the library museum says the ribbons will stay in the library for the entire month of October. As curator, Morris oversees what is advertised of displayed in the library.

"We welcome student groups to have displays in the library, but we do have limited space," Morris said.

Morris says that it is common for students to have posters or advertisements in the library, and that it is an ideal place to house displays because many students spend some time there.



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- Amber Hyde, GCSU sophomore and ZTA service chair

"From what I heard, they originally did not think that they were going to be able to fill the space, so I am sure that they are pleased with their progress," Morris said.

Another way that Zeta Tau Alpha works to raise breast cancer awareness is by hosting a "War of the Wings," where local restaurants donate their wings and people buy tickets to pick which wings they like the best. All of the money raised was donated to breast cancer awareness and research. The first "War of the Wings" was held last spring.

Zeta Tau Alpha also helps to raise Breast cancer awareness is by attending Race for the Cure.

"The race is held in Macon, and we get there early to help set up," says Cline.

There is a pink tent at the race that many of the girls from Zeta Tau Alpha work at.

"We do random jobs such as making (survivors) pink pancakes and getting them anything we need, we also blow up balloons for the survivors to let go of," Hyde said.

Some of the girls participate in the race walking or walking to raise money. The sorority also helps to take down everything after the race. The race will be held on Oct. 20.

Crosswalk

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"Above all our department wants to accomplish the goal of a safe environment," Malone said.

Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Dr. Bruce Harshbarger sees the potential for problems more during slower traffic times.

"There's always the potential for antsy drivers who may not see a single pedestrian about to cross the street," Harshbarger said.

Lt. Joe Grant with GCSU Police attended the information meeting held by Malone. Grant sees bad etiquette on the part of both driver and pedestrian around the campus intersections.

"People are in too big of a hurry most of the time," Grant said. "They are walking and driving against the lights."

When students and drivers fail to follow traffic laws, serious injury is not far away.

Grant mentioned several possible solutions to keep students safe. Longer crosswalk lights, timed crosswalks with a strict limit to get across, and sensors at the intersection corners to change the light when the crowd overflows.



LEE SANDOW / SENIOR REPORTER

Students frequently illegally cross the intersection of Hancock and Clarke Street causing traffic to be stopped in the middle of the intersection. GCSU and the city hopes to rectify the problem by promoting pedestrian safety.

"Most of the time students don't even know about or use the pedestrian push button to change the light," Grant said.

The traffic increase around campus results from the growth of GCSU and its accompanying downtown commerce. Traffic jams are our growing pains.

Deputy Chief Malone plans to run a full media campaign to educate students if the GDOT accepts any traffic rerouting or physical changes to crosswalks.

With Alcohol Awareness Week coming up, student safety is on the campus radar. Along with the events dealing with alcohol education, Public Safety and the Student Judicial Board will hold a question and answer forum from 7 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 15. The last part of the forum will be open to discuss popular student issues.

In addition, GCSU Police plans to pass out pedestrian safety fliers around the heavy walking zones next week.

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Banned books express 'freedom of choice, freedom of opinion'

BY ROCHELLE SMALLS
STAFF WRITER

Every year since 1982, Banned Books Week has been observed during the last week in September. The American Library Association (ALA) and several cosponsors have been working to make Banned Books Week a form of enlightenment. This week will not just inform people of what books make the list or do not, but it will also encourage them to stand up for their right to free speech.

"Banned Books Week gives everyone a chance to read something that may be viewed as inappropriate," said GCSU freshman Jackie Braer.

"It allows us to see what others in the past felt, and why they chose to ban certain books," Braer said.

He added that while Americans do have the right to free speech, they are in no way being forced to read everything that is out there.

Freshman Katie Dunn expressed similar feelings on the subject.

"I do not believe in banning books," said Dunn, a psychology major. "I think that if you do not want to read it, don't."

According to the ALA, this is a week that "celebrates the freedom to choose or the freedom to express one's opinion," even if one's opinion does not agree with the norms of today's society.

Expressing one's own opinion is what the ALA considers to be an intellectual freedom. The association believes that this form of freedom can only survive if the following two conditions are fulfilled.

First, "all individuals must have the right to have any belief on any subject, and convey these ideas in any form they deem appropriate."

Secondly, the Intellectual Freedom Manual states that "society must make an equal commitment to the right of unrestricted access to information and ideas regardless of the communication medium used, the content of work, and the viewpoints of both the author

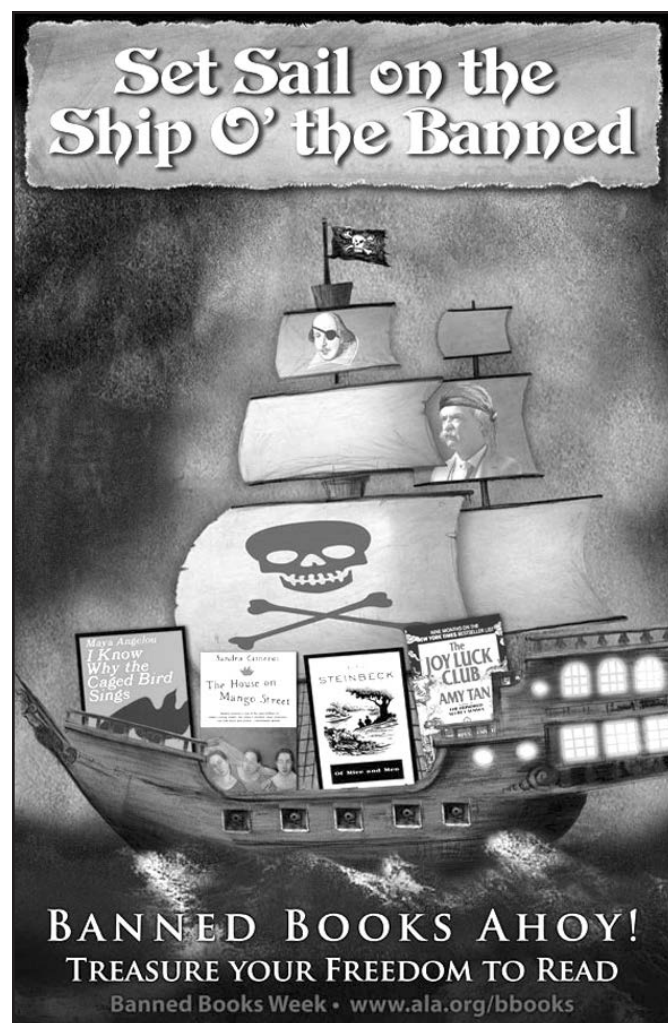


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and receiver of information."

Once intellectual freedom is obtained, people begin to develop new concepts and ideas that can benefit the future. People begin to think outside the box of what is considered socially acceptable.

While it seems that Banned Books Week is pushing Americans to stand up for their freedom, critics question the ALA's motives.

Critics ask why this movement is not called "Challenged Book Week, since the majority of the books are not banned, only challenged."

The ALA responds to critics by stating, Banned Books Week has more than one sponsor, and the name can only change if everyone is in agreement; however, no sponsor feels the need for a name change.

While this response is not appeasing to critics, the ALA also reveals that they believe "a challenge is an attempt to ban or restrict materials."

With critics still unsatisfied with the answers given, Banned Books Week continues to "teach the importance of the First Amendment," which speaks about

the freedom of speech or of the press.

A few of the books making "The Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2006," are new to the list, but some have made the list quite a few times. Old to the list are Toni Morrison's "Beloved" and "The Bluest Eye," which are challenged due to sexual content and offensive language.

Taking the number one spot is "And Tango Makes Three," by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell for the use of homosexuality and anti-family content. No longer in the top 10, but still in the top 100 were "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck and "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain.

However, the most talked about book that made the list seems to be "Gossip Girls," which is a series by Cecily Von Ziegesar. This series is being challenged because of the use of homosexual, sexual, anti-family and offensive language content.

"If we are going to ban books, we should ban freedom of speech; if we ban freedom of speech, we should live in a dictatorship," Dunn said.

Parking

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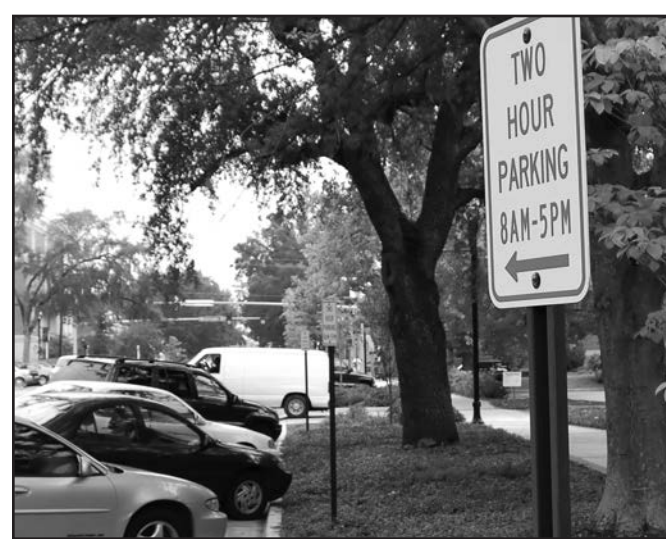
combat vehicles that remained in one spot all day, overnight and, in some cases, weeks.

"After a considerable study by the Downtown Development Authority it was determined that an overwhelming majority of the cars on these streets never changed," Holder said in an e-mail. "Public parking is intended to be shared throughout the day ... the goal is for every space to turn over five times every day."

The primary reason the changes were implemented was a financial one, as the rotation of parking spaces enables more customers to park near the businesses downtown. According to Holder, the changes to the parking system will allow the businesses, and the economy of Milledgeville, to flourish.

"Every parking space downtown brings an average of \$20 per car," Holder said. "If we are successful in achieving the five car turn over rate we would bring in \$100 per car a day to the district, multiply that times 365 days in a year and that brings a low estimate of \$35,000 dollars per spot each year. If you multiply that number by the amount of spaces that were changed, 118, that translates into 4.13 million dollars of annual revenue to the downtown business."

Cars remaining in the same space for days on in would hurt the businesses downtown, and deprive the city of as much as 4.13 million dollars every year. Students are welcome to use the spaces while shopping, or while they are in class, as long as they observe the parking



FILE PHOTO

The two hour parking policy, put into action in August, has caused dissonance among GCSU students. The city stresses the change was a financial decision to free up customer parking for downtown.

restrictions.

"We don't mind students using the parking spaces to go to class," Holder said, "as long as they can get back in a two-hour time frame."

Greg Brown, manager of Parking and Transportation Services at GCSU, said he had heard about parking issues from the City over a year before the changes were implemented.

"We knew the change was going to happen and had met with Heather," Brown said. "But we were unsure exactly when the change was going to take place. We were told it was going to take place this year and then became unsure after various reports. The problem came in a lack of notification and communication."

Brown explained that he didn't know all the particulars of the changes to the city parking system, but he did know a change was coming.

"I feel like the city took the University into consideration," Brown said.

Holder agrees, and wrote that "the city acted in the best interests of the merchants and the University."

Though the city changed the parking, both parties were consulted on the change and lines of what was communicated and what was not communicated seem different on both sides.

For many students, who may not have time between classes to move to a new parking place, the two-hour time frame may seem impossible to work around. The enforced hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., are also the busiest and when the spaces are in the highest demand.

However, Brown assures the students they are working to help ease the strain on parking.

"We are working on better parking allotments and more accurate shuttle runs," Brown said.

The problems of parking will continue to be an issue, but Holder and Brown agree that good communication between the city and GCSU will help find a happy medium for everyone.

"Communication may have seemed a problem this time," Holder said, "but efforts will be put forward to fix that in the future."

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SCHIP: Bush did the right thing



BY ANDREW ADAMS
COLUMNIST

The hottest issue in politics right now is a matter of life and death. No it's not war, the death penalty or legalizing euthanasia. It's health care. Government involvement in health care isn't a new topic. In one way or another the government has been an active participant in attempting to maintain Americans' health since the creation of the Food and Drug Administration.

Just this past week Congress passed legislation to expand the Federal government's State Children Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) by \$35 billion dollars. It's no surprise that a bill like this would pass, considering the overwhelming liberal desire for national health care. But there were a few surprises brought about by this. President Bush issued a very rare veto, despite pretty solid bi-partisan support. I didn't even know that George Bush knew

how to veto anything.

But the true irony of the story is that no matter how callous it seems Bush did the right thing. How is it possible that vetoing health insurance for young children is the right thing? To answer this, we should start by looking at the history of the program.

The goal of SCHIP is to provide insurance to children that come from very poor families that wouldn't be able to afford health insurance. This is a very realistic goal that Republicans and Democrats have been able to agree is good for our nation. Founded, in part by Hillary Clinton, SCHIP has been around since 1997 and costs the federal government about \$5 billion per year.

A few months ago the great minds in Washington D. C. got a big idea. The Democratic controlled Congress decided that they could pass a very popular measure to expand SCHIP. Actually, the legislation would more than double annual spending on the federal program to a whopping \$12 billion per year. Even with the high costs, if there are children in impoverished families that are going to bed sick night after night, then it sounds like a good proposal. But the children from the impoverished families won't get any additional benefit from this legislation.

I'm going to give you a second to re-read that sentence because I'm sure most of y'all are doing a double-take. What your representatives that voted for this don't want you to know is that if a child is part of a family that makes poverty level or below they are already covered by SCHIP. That means that if a child belongs to a family of four making \$20,650 or less per year then they are covered. If a child belongs to a family making twice the poverty level (\$41,300) then they are also already covered by SCHIP. These children will receive absolutely no increased benefit from the proposed increase.

So, you're probably wondering, who the heck is getting all the extra money? As ironic as it is, the Democrats that wrote this legislation want to give it to the rich. They want to increase SCHIP to include children that belong to families that make up to four times the federal poverty rate. That would mean that a family making \$82,600 per year could put their children on SCHIP and save money on their health insurance premiums. In essence, the working poor and middle class would be paying federal taxes so that Americans making well above 60 and 70 thousand dollars can save money on health in-

surance. Something doesn't seem right.

Noticing the mockery the Congress made with their SCHIP legislation, Bush decided to propose a rational solution. He proposed expanding this important program by a few billion dollars. However, instead of focusing the money and resources on well-to-do families, the funding increase would provide better health care to children of impoverished families. Ironically, by vetoing legislation to "expand" health care for children, Bush was actually trying to improve health care for our nation's neediest children.

This is a perfect example of how most politicians, Republican or Democrat, think. They think that if they throw a whole bunch of money at a federal program then they are helping it. But money can't buy love, happiness or a New York Yankees World Series. Presidential candidates from both parties are forming "universal" health care plans, and there is no doubt that they will try to throw money at their programs and claim that they are solving for health care. Time and heavy national deficits will prove these simple solutions wrong.

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Republicans need another Reagan



BY CHRIS PITTS
COLUMNIST

Ronald Reagan was the fortieth president of the United States. During his eight year term, he stimulated the economy with his tax cuts, cut back on domestic government spending, and put an end to the Cold War with his "peace through strength" foreign policy which saw the establishment of the Strategic Defense Initiative, which used ground and space based

defense systems to protect the United States from nuclear weapons (which, in turn, ended the mutually assured destruction defense that had kept America "safe" prior to that). Not to mention, he was a fantastic actor in his earlier years. Needless to say, Reagan helped usher in a proverbial "golden age" for the Republican Party, and ended up winning 49 out of 50 states in the 1984 election (he also lost Washington D.C.).

In recent years, however, Reagan has taken on a new role as an almost Christ-like figure for the Republican Party; mainly because of the low approval numbers of President George Bush, and the recent, extremely early, beginning of the 2008 GOP Presidential Primary race. Now, by all manners of measurement, Reagan was a great

President, if only for sticking to his guns and getting a ton of effective policies in place. However, with recent insecurities amongst the base Republican voters about the top tier presidential candidates, more and more the Republican potentials are striving to be seen as the "next Reagan."

This becomes a major problem- none of them are Ronald Reagan! Reagan passed away on June 5, 2004, after a long fight with Alzheimer's disease. This isn't 1980; Jimmy Carter isn't currently in the White House. NONE of the candidates can be Reagan. Ever! And unfortunately none of the candidates will shine above the rest until one of them realizes this. You can never get anywhere by trying to be like someone else. You have to be your own person. Reagan didn't have a

Republican or political icon that he was trying to be like, he had platform of political beliefs and motivations and he went for them. This is one of the major strengths of the current Democrat candidates; none of them are aspiring to be compared to anyone else. They have a set of political platforms and motivations and they are going for them and as a result, they are getting a positive response.

With 2008 up and coming, the presidential hopefuls, Democrat and Republican alike, will be gearing up their campaigns in all 50 states. Unfortunately, for the Republican candidates, primary voters will quickly realize that none of them are Reagan.

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Our Voice

Apathy common in students

It is said the truth will set you free. So here goes: most people our age just don't care. Wait, that's not the truth: that's a fact. Don't believe it? Look around. All around. A prime example would be that our very own university. Constitution week was a bust. The Free Speech forum started out with a room full of people, but, supposedly after one of the professors told the students that if the students present were not really there on their own accord and will not verbally participate, the students could then leave. Most of them left. Some people stayed, but the majority left. It's an utter disappointment in that when opinionated college students are finally given the floor, most decide to run away.

Another example would be the American Democracy Project's Times Talk discussion every Wednesday. They offer free pizza to lure in the starving college students in exchange for discussion. But apparently pizza just doesn't do it anymore because the discussions, while interesting, only engage a few students.

This week SGA held a student forum, a town hall type of event, where students (Yes, YOU!) could complain to SGA about issues in the school. It was your excellent chance to discuss anything in forum that just might get something done about it.

Is parking making you angry? Complain away. The dining hall needs to change it's menu? Complain away. Does priority registration for student athletes seem unfair? Complain away. Just complain your way to the forum.

Did you go? There were flyers, chalk and Facebook invites everywhere. You probably knew.

If you didn't go, not all hope is lost. You could always send a letter to the editor.

Ah, but another dilemma, that requires sitting down on the computer and typing a document on one's own free will. And lazy college students would rather tackle one of the editors and demand that something be done. And when we tell you to write a letter, it's like we're telling you to part the Red Sea.

But sadly, the fact is that most college students just don't care. And our bet is that very few students will actually go to this forum, or any other future forums, discussions, and other events that need student opinion and require active participation.

We wish it was otherwise. Because we're not the only ones that care. And yes, there are a lot of students out there taking a proactive stand, but for most, unless it is absolutely required of them, we will only hear about the real issues as a side note to everyday conversation.

Being apathetic and not caring at all, is perhaps, not the worst of things, but it's definitely a path that will lead there. We know that the student body is bright and promising and we know you have opinions. Share it with the world.

Elie Wiesel, a famed humanitarian and novelist, summarized what is probably the best way to address the situation at hand: "We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reaper should reveal name

Dear editor,

I feel I must write this in response to Grim Reaper's protests outside in front of the Marine recruitment area. I am quite disappointed to notice that the writer praised Mr./Ms. Reaper's protests as "passive and fearless." Mr./Ms. Reaper may have been fearless to the "vicious verbal blows" of fellow GCSU students but seemed somewhat fearful to give out his/her name to the paper.

Now, I know who Mr./Ms. Grim Reaper is (further referred to as GR), in order to protect him or her I will not use a specific gender. I find that my line of study which GR supports goes against the timidity that GR showed in attempting to hid his/her identity. I am taught to be fearless of my causes. So why is it that GR will not reveal his/her identity when it is that field that he/she

supports?

I have no problem with protesting. I encourage peaceful protesting, it is our right as Americans to do so. However I would like to point out that in history the most successful protesters did not protect their identity. There was a man (henceforth referred by his initials to protect his identity) who peacefully protested a certain cause some time ago. MLK believed in peaceful protests in the forms of marches and sit-ins. He never hid his identity and was arrested on occasion because of it. This did not stop him and because of his perseverance He was overwhelmingly successful in getting the rights of a certain group changed.

Today there is a protest group that stands in direct opposition to everything MLK did. This protest group very often hides their

identities in elaborate white costumes. They are allowed to protest as is their right in America. They are not successful. Why is that? Is it because their ideals are wrong? Or perhaps their own fear in revealing their identities reveals to the public how wrong they are?

I'm not saying GR is wrong for protesting or that his cause is "wrong." I am merely saying that I would respect GR's stance on the war a lot better if GR was not so afraid. I think GR's own fear undermines his/her cause. GR could have an even greater impact if he/she would come forward and stand tall for the cause he/she has given his time and personal comfort for.

Sincerely,

Joanna Slawik
Junior
Art

Practices are student's choice

Dear editor,

I appreciate being interviewed for the Features Section of "Dress for Protection." I look forward to the Colonnade every Friday, but I just wanted to clarify the position Student Health Services takes on

abstinence vs. sexual activity. We are here to support the students in whatever sexuality decisions they may choose, whether that be practicing abstinence or engaging in sexual activity. We support abstinence until the person(s) is ready to engage in sexual activity,

as well as, practicing responsible, protected and healthy sexual behavior if one chooses to engage in sexual activity.

Thank you for your time.

Rachel M. Sullivan
CHES
University Health Educator

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

- In the previous issue in the article "dress for protection" Rachel Sullivan was given an incorrect title. Her correct title is The University Health Educator.
- In the previous issue to photos in the "'Sylvia' makes herself at home" two photos were attributed to April Argo that were actually taken by Erin Gish. All photos taken of the actual play were taken by Gish, and the behind the scenes photos were taken by Argo.

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- year of study
- major

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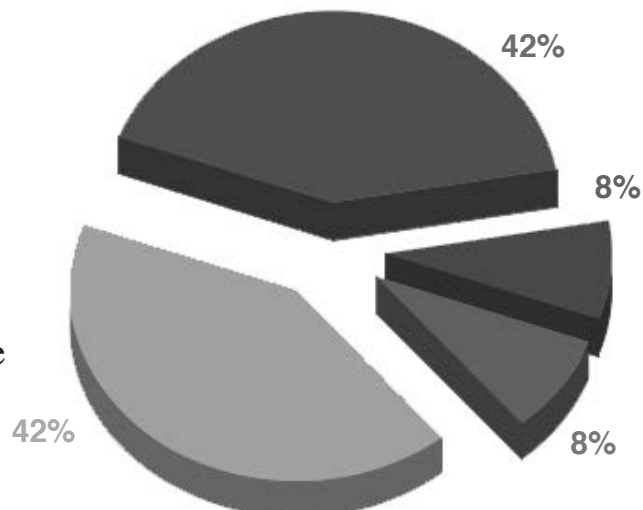
POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY LEE SANDOW

Poll of the Week

How well do you think the Bobcat Soccer team will do in this year's Peach Belt Conference?

- 42% - There may be a struggle
- 42% - Complete domination
- 8% - They will squeak by
- 8% - They will lose



Next week's question:

Do you own a bicycle, and do you ride it to and from class?

Vote online at gcsunade.com

Got more to say? Let us know in a letter to the editor!



What do you think the name of the new Bobcat Mascot should be?



"The first thing that comes to mind is 'Bobby', but that sounds cheesy."

Kalen Puckett, sophomore, art

"Bobby the Bobcat, it has a nice ring to it."

Kweku Pobee, junior, general business



"Slasher, because it's hardcore, like our sports teams."

Chelsea Losh, sophomore, english

"Bobby, just because there's a 'Bob' in bobcat."

Shelly Moore, junior, english



"Buster, no reason."

Josh Gale, freshman, computer graphic/design

Reported by James Odom

The Litter Box

Instant Message with "ColonnadeVent"
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Last message received at: 6:33:10 PM

This is a tribute to you, Mr. Groundskeeper-sings-like-a-country-star-god. You make my day!

From now on, I refuse to go to class unless I get to ride there on a golf cart ... thanks for the free ride last week CAB!! ... and the inflatables are always a good time ... nothing really beats college students fighting in sumo wrestler suits on front campus!!

You wanna talk about the CAB employees driving the golf carts like it's NASCAR? What about the Village employees? I don't know how many times I've almost been hit by one of them.

Another thing. Everyone complains about the GCSU shuttles, try going to a school in the middle of the city where there's four times as many students and not enough buses. They pack 'em in like sardines. You're lucky if you even get a seat. And then on top of that the air conditioning doesn't work half the time and it takes 30 to 45 minutes to get to class because of traffic. People here don't know how good they have it.

Interesting picture of the "Grim Reaper" at the Marine recruiting station ... ironic that he is openly opposing the very people who gave their lives for him to make that kind of protest.

Why wasn't the Grim Reaper's "staff" seen as a "weapon" on campus?

The Colonnade should be called the Colon-Aid since I only ever read it while taking a poo.

Why would anyone pay for a stupid little digital gift on Facebook?

In response to "There was a nasty car crash near West Campus this weekend at the 441 intersection. When are we going to get a traffic light?" We could get a light ... or just learn how to drive.

I'm so glad that my tuition money goes for paying employees to watch tv on their computers all day.

We need more datable guys out here....

Want to vent about something? Send us a message about what's bothering you to screen name ColonnadeVent using AOL Instant Messenger (AIM), or by E-mail to colonnadeletters@gcsu.edu, with the subject 'Vent.'

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, October 12 -
Thursday, October 18, 2007

Friday, October 12

Saturday, October 13

5 p.m. Bobcat Soccer vs Mars Hill College
Bobcat Field, West Campus

Sunday, October 14

8 p.m. Alcohol Awareness Week: Tailgate Party
Reflection Pool
11 p.m. Midnight Madness
Centennial Center

Monday, October 15

12 a.m. Midnight Madness
Centennial Center
12:30 p.m. Girls and their drinks: Lunch and learn
Women's Resource Center, MSU 143
4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Fall seminar series: Habitat management for
non-game birds in Georgia
250 Herty Hall
7 p.m. Q&A Forum with Public Safety and Student
Judicial Board
Magnolia Ballroom
8 p.m. - 9 p.m. Night sky observing session hosted by Astronomy club
137 Herty Hall, Bartram Forest

Tuesday, October 16

7 p.m. Disability Awareness Month: Eric Krug, speaker
A&S Auditorium

Wednesday, October 17

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Wonderful Wednesdays: Internship search strategies
232 Lanier Hall
2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Women on Wednesday: Wartime rape in Sierra Leone,
Bosnia and Rwanda
12:30 p.m. Women's Resource Center, 143 MSU
12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. MERLOT 101
Mac Lab, Library
7 p.m. Artistic Outreach
MSU Lounge

Thursday, October 18

12 p.m. - 1p.m. What to do with an Exercise Science degree?
University Banquet Room A
2 p.m. Are you sober? Carnival
Front Campus
5 p.m. Are you sober? Live Music
Front Campus
7 p.m. Are you sober? Speaker, Chris Sandy
Front Campus
7:30 p.m. GCSU Concert Band Fall Concert
Russell Auditorium
8 p.m. Are you sober? Live Music
Front Campus

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THE COLONNADE

Public Safety Report



Harassment or embarrassment?

On Oct. 3, 2007 at approximately 12:54 p.m., a female student reported that a male caused her embarrassment by posting details about her part time employment on his Facebook website. The case has been turned over to Detective Butler.

Fictional names lead to arrest

On Oct. 5, 2007 at approximately 1:48 a.m., Officer Pissott observed a male and female passed out on the deck behind Capitol City. Officer Pissott was able to wake up the female subject, who gave the officer several names and dates of birth. After GCIC reported no such persons existed, the subject was placed under arrest. A check of her person revealed a drivers' license that showed her real name and that she was 18 years of age. She was arrested for Underage Possession of Alcohol. Officer Pissott then attempted to wake up the male subject and after several minutes. He was also arrested for Public Drunkenness. Both subjects were transported to Milledgeville Police Department for processing.

Drunks roam in hallways

On Oct. 5, 2007 at approximately 4:09 a.m., a student reported that posters in the hallway of Foundation Hall had been torn from the walls and thrown on the floor. The student advised that she thought the

two people outside Foundation Hall were responsible. Contact was made with the two males. While Officer Smith was speaking with the subjects, he observed that they had bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from their person. When tested on the Alco-Sensor, they both tested positive for alcohol. Both males were arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with Underage Possession of Alcohol.

Answer maybe in the camera

On Oct. 7, 2007 at approximately 2:03 p.m., a female reported that her drivers' side rear view mirror had been knocked loose from its bracket while it was parked at Bobcat Village near building 100. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time. Detective Butler will review the security tapes.

Security cameras work overtime

On Oct. 7, 2007 at approximately 5:06 p.m., a female student reported that unknown person(s) cut her left rear tire while her vehicle was parked at Bobcat Village near building 100. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time. Detective Butler will review the security tapes.

Keeping the distance

On Oct. 9, 2007 at approximately 12:18 a.m., a female reported to Public Safety that she was receiving harassing phone calls and text messages from her ex-boyfriend. Sgt. Williams contacted the male and advised him not to have any contact with the female. She was advised to let Public Safety know if he makes another contact.

Information compiled
by Ana Maria Lugo

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extended Public Safety Report podcast.



Until three years ago, all declining balance money that came with a meal plan was available for use only for on-campus dining. At the time, money that originally came with a meal plan was called "Flex Dollars" and any money students or parents added to their meal plan card was called "Bonus Dollars." There was no campus "one-card," but only a meal plan card instead.

When students began asking for a true "one-card" system, Auxiliary Services looked into the best, most versatile system offered to universities and colleges for security access, identification, and debit purposes. After much research, several one-card vendors were invited to campus to demonstrate their systems, and the final choice was made – which subsequently became our Bobcat Card system, debuting in August 2004. Such a system, that provides for a multitude of uses and convenience, however, is extremely expensive – both up front, and annually for on-going support and maintenance.

In order to ensure the system was financially feasible (that the benefit would outweigh the cost), it was imperative that the card become a true way of life on campus. And in order to introduce large numbers of students to the convenience of using the debit feature of the Bobcat Card, it made sense to provide an initial balance of CatCash funds through the campus dining meal plan. The decision was made to make all declining balance money associated with a meal plan available on the

Bobcat Card for purchases anywhere the card is accepted – for a limited time – until the card system had proven itself successful and financially stable. Even at that time, there was an understanding with GCSU's dining services contractor, Sodexo Campus Services, that declining balance money associated with meal plans would later return to the prior limit of on-campus dining (like the previous "Flex Dollars" and "Bonus Dollars" accounts). In addition, over the last three years, many parents have complained that it was inappropriate to allow CatCash that came with a meal plan to be used for off-campus dining and even non-food purchases.

Further, last spring, students brought to the attention of Auxiliary Services and GCSU Dining Services a request that upper-class students (non-freshmen) should not be required to have a meal plan simply because they choose to live on campus. Administrators looked into how they might satisfy this student request while keeping the campus dining program financially sustainable. (Dining Services, like all units of Auxiliary Services, is a totally self-supporting "business" and does not receive state funds or tuition assistance). One way to reduce the negative financial impact of making upper-class residents' meal plans strictly voluntary was to bring declining balance money that comes with a meal plan back to on-campus dining only.

So, due to (one) fulfillment of the original busi-

ness plan of helping the Bobcat Card system become a financially-viable way of life on campus, (two) the agreement with Sodexo that declining balance money associated with meal plans would later return to on-campus dining only, (three) the need to address parents' complaints about meal plan money being spent for things other than food, and (four) the desire to meet the student request for voluntary upper-class meal plan participation while keeping the dining program financially sustainable, the decision was made by Auxiliary Services to bring back "Dining Dollars" in Fall 2007.

"Dining Dollars," money that comes with a meal plan, may be used for on-campus dining only. "CatCash" is all money deposited to a Bobcat Card that doesn't come with a meal plan. CatCash is still accepted for payment everywhere the Bobcat Card is accepted, both on and off campus. Both accounts are fully refundable upon graduation or official withdrawal from GCSU, so you never risk losing your money. Also, you don't have to worry about keeping track of the two accounts. When a purchase is made at an on-campus dining venue, the system looks first to the Dining Dollars account, and if no funds are available there, it then looks to the CatCash account. All other locations look only to the CatCash account. So, it's safe, easy, and convenient for the cardholder.

NOW HEAR THIS

Band Fall Concert

GCSU Concert Band Fall Concert will be held Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Russell Auditorium. The concert will feature the music of legendary composer Alfred Reed. General admission is \$3 and admission for senior citizens and GCSU students is \$1.

Fall Fest 2007

Don't miss your opportunity to showcase your organization at the Bobcat Marketplace during Fall Fest 2007. The marketplace will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The deadline for registration is Thursday Oct. 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Alcohol and women

The Women's Resource Center will be having a lunch and learn, Women and Alcohol on Oct. 15 at 12:30 p.m. in the Women's Resource Center (MSU 143). The workshop will discuss how alcohol affects women and how they can make smart decisions when choosing to drink. It will be presented by Rachel Sullivan

from Student Health Services as a part of Alcohol Awareness Week.

Guest writers

The Creative Writing Program at GCSU will present a fiction reading by Anne Panning and Margot Singer at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 in the Max Noah Recital Hall.

Anne Panning is the author of "Super America: Stories" (University of Georgia Press, 2007) and "The Price of Eggs: Short Stories" (Coffeehouse Press, 1992). Her work has appeared in journals such as the Florida Review, the Black Warrior Review, New Letters, and Kenyon Review. Margot Singer is the author of The Pale of Settlement: Stories (University of Georgia Press, 2007). Her work has appeared in numerous journals, including The Sun, AGNI, North American Review, Western Humanities Review, Third Coast, and Ascent.

This event celebrates the debut of new short story collections by Panning and Singer, who were chosen as two of the three Flannery O'Connor Award winners for 2007.

The Flannery O'Connor Award series, published by the University of Georgia Press, was established to encourage gifted and emerging writers by bringing their work to a national readership. The series has become an important showcase for short story writers in the genre. Winners are selected through an annual competition that attracts as many as three hundred manuscripts.

Panning serves on the faculty of State University of New York at Brockport, where she also resides. Singer teaches at Denison University in Glenville, Ohio.

The event is free and open to the public. This event is a collaboration between the Creative Writing Program, Georgia College Arts Unlimited, and the University of Georgia Press. The Flannery O'Connor Award-winning books by these authors will be available for sale at the reading.

For more information contact Jackson Tucker at 478-445-3509 or by email at mfa@gcsu.edu or visit the Creative Writing Program website: al.gcsu.edu/calendar.htm.

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Students travel to Perry for fair

BY CHELSEA THOMAS
STAFF REPORTER

Cotton candy, big cinnamon pretzels, funnel cakes and candy apples - what could be better than a day spent at the fair? Whether you meet friends or go to spend some time with the family, the fair is a time to let loose and have fun. Celebrating fall would not be complete in the South without a fall fair, a ride on the Ferris wheel, or some boiled peanuts.

The Georgia National Fair began on Oct. 4, and will continue through the 14. Numerous bands will be coming to play, such as country music stars Dierks Bentley and Luke Bryan, who played Oct. 6 to a sold out show in Reaves Arena. Sunday, Oct. 7, Los Lonely Boys followed in concert with their hit "Heaven." The weekend of Oct. 13 Daughtry and Day of Fire will be playing. For all Disney fans, Jonas Brothers and Everlife will be performing as well.

Some of our own GCSU students performed Thursday, Oct. 11, from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Senior Tyler Hammond and Sophomore Joey Hollis performed songs such as "Dust on the

Bottle," originally done by David Lee Murphy, and songs by Kenny Chesney. They began playing their guitars together a few years ago. In May 2007 they decided to start singing at events and bars on the weekends.

Hammond says, "We have been playing in Milledgeville and other places on the weekends. Eventually we would love to go to Nashville."

Their dream, as any other aspiring musical performers, is to get a label in the industry.

"Tyler and Joey" will be performing on the front lawn Thursday, Oct. 18. Hammond describes their choice of country music to perform as "songs everyone knows." They have also performed in Valdosta at The Flip-Flops Bar. The duo looks forward to all performances and the chance to do something they love.

If none of the bands amuse you and you do not get the chance to ride up to see "Tyler and Joey" on Thursday, perhaps the other unique attractions will excite you. There are horse competitions, livestock,

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Faculty joins recycling effort

BY S. ASHLEE
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STAFF REPORTER

Students of the Environmental Science Club will soon be presenting a proposal to school administrators outlining details of a sustainable program for recycling on campus.

This recycling proposal is not the first, but comes after several attempts to implement similar programs on the campus in the past several years.

Other such programs were not sustainable over time and died off, mostly due to financial limitations. This new proposal, however, suggests that if money is spent the right way and in the right places, over time money will actually be saved—to the tune of up to \$80,000 a year, according to Dr. Doug Oetter, the advisor for the Environmental Science Club and the chair for the Resources, Planning and Institutional Policy Committee (RPIPC).

"The goal is to make it easy for people to recycle," said Oetter.

Currently, only small recycling operations localized to certain buildings are taking place, like the resident-initiated one in Foundation Hall and the one at The G.I.V.E. Center in Ennis Hall. The initial plan is to set-up a system of recycling in the residence halls, and collect evaluation data for later use in creating a larger plan for the whole campus. Justin Morgan, a junior environmental science major and the vice president of the Environmental Science Club, expressed that the club wants to make recycling accessible and easy for people campus-wide by bringing all the small operations together into a coordinated plan for the whole college.

According to Oetter, there is a four-part equation that must be addressed when considering a sustainable plan for recycling—how will recyclable items be collected across campus, where will the collected items be stored in Milledgeville until they are transported to a professional recycling site, what professional site will the items be taken to



FILE PHOTO

The Environmental Science Club, is pushing for a certification that would label the GCSU campus as a "green campus."

in order to be redeemed for money, and how will this effect the campus as a result?

The first part of the equation is answered with strategically placed recycling bins that hold items like used white paper, aluminum cans or newspaper, and are maintained by students earning money through the Federal Work-

study Program.

Secondly, a safe and reasonable location must be determined for space to be used as a storage unit for recyclable goods waiting to be transported to recycling markets in Macon, Dublin, Conyers or Athens where recyclable goods

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ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Students watched on as The Kouyate Family performed part of their "Memory of African Culture" on Front Campus.

A connecting of cultures

BY ERIN GISH
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU Arts Unlimited Committee and Allied Arts of Milledgeville presented The Kouyate Family's "Memory of African Culture" from Oct. 1 through 4.

"Memory of African Culture" was started by Djimo Kouyate and his wife Akua Femi Kouyate, in 1983.

The cultural arts organization began as a way to preserve and teach African traditions of music, dance and oral history in America.

When Djimo passed away in 2004, Akua carried on along with her son Amadou Kouyate, his wife Crystal Shackelford Kouyate, and their infant daughter, Iniko Naima. Akua's daughter, Bintou

Kouyate, also travels with the family as well as long time family friend, Malari Moore.

Each family member has a rich, extensive knowledge of African music and dance as well as instruments such as the 21-string kora, djembe orchestra playing and the koutiro drums.

From Monday, Oct. 1 through Thursday, Oct. 4 the Kouyate family held several workshops teaching African dance and rhythm in Allen's Market Building and GCSU's Miller Gym. The family also performed once on Front Campus and once again downtown on the corner of Hancock and Wilkinson streets.

"For us it is a cultural expression, it's more than performing, it is part of our heritage," Akua said. "It's about the continuation of

tradition, of understanding who we are and what we have and what we share."

Executive director of Allied Arts Randy Cannon said that the GCSU Arts Unlimited Committee and Allied Arts work together to bring high cultured performances, like the Kouyates, to Milledgeville for the community and the college to enjoy.

"Our duty is to provide quality arts opportunities to area citizens," Cannon said. "And it is a nice opportunity for the students and the community to see a culture very different from ours."

Thursday night at 7:30 p.m., the Kouyate Family performed in Russell Auditorium.

The performance included kora music and songs by Amadou, djembe playing by Amadou and Moore, as well as tradition-

al Mandinka and Bamana dances performed by Bintou, Crystal and Akua. The Family was joined by members of the community that had participated in the week long workshops.

"Everyone's been really hospitable. We've enjoyed it and had an opportunity to engage different people: folks from the community, the university, the social services organization helping mentally disabled adults. Everybody has been appreciative of the connection into the African culture and tradition," Akua said.

GCSU senior Heather Burkett was at the final performance that ended with a standing ovation from the audience.

"It was awesome, oh it was so good," Burkett said. "You can tell this is what they really love to do."

Name changes to show pride

BY JAMIE FLEMING
SENIOR REPORTER

In an effort to attract more members, The Gay-Straight Alliance is changing its name to the Pride Alliance.

Noelle Rose, president of Pride Alliance, said one reason behind changing the name was the stigma attached to their former name.

Rose said the organization heard of the name at a conference at Kennesaw State University, whose GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender) group, and other groups like it, have the same name. GSA felt Pride Alliance was less inclusive, so they changed it.

"Because of the word 'gay' in (Gay-Straight Alliance), the perception of our group was a negative one," Rose said. "We're really just trying to erase some of the negative stigma that the name has got-

ten, as well as be more inclusive."

Pride Alliance member Mikella Procopio said the name change is very important. She said the Gay-Straight Alliance established a false dichotomy that could have alienated people who didn't identify with either of the categories.

"I think the name Pride Alliance is more in line with the organization's overall goals," Procopio said. "One of my favorite things about Pride Alliance is that it provides a safe, friendly social environment in which I can be proud of who I am. It doesn't matter if I'm gay, straight, bi, transgendered, intersexed or queer. I'm accepted for me."

Chelsea Bruner, a senior English major and member of Pride Alliance, agreed. She said the word 'gay' in

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Under his spell ...



DRAKE SIMONS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hypnotist Tome Deluca hypnotizes students in the Magnolia Ballroom on Wednesday, Oct. 10. See the full story in next week's issue of The Colonnade.

Spuds take over West Campus

BY SALEM COOK
STAFF WRITER

An average potato weighs about 110 grams. Hundreds of volunteers unloaded 21 tons of potatoes on Saturday Oct. 6, at the West Campus parking lot.

The sixth annual potato drop, sponsored by The G.I.V.E. Center, moved from Walter B. Park to The Village at West Campus. However, the number of volunteers was unaffected. Paul Sedor, a GCSU alum, felt like the student turnout was better this year after switching locations.

"I'm not quite sure of the exact number, but I know we ran out of name tags," said Sedor. "The shuttle started earlier than usual which brought students from the residence halls over to Bobcat as early as 7:30 a.m."

Volunteers, numbering 266, helped load potatoes into trucks. Students made up 250 of the volunteers. They contributed over 800 hours of community service.

Luckily for volunteers, the 42,000 pounds of potatoes that arrived around 8 a.m. came pre-bagged. In the previous five years, volunteers had to bag the potatoes individually and stack them appropriately. This year the potatoes came in five pound bags that volunteers had to stack.

Another change from previous years was the potato type. This year white potatoes were given away as opposed to sweet



JAMES ODOM / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

potatoes.

After being shipped from Wisconsin and dumped into the West Campus parking lot, the potatoes were delivered to 40 different agencies, in six different Georgia counties. The shipments usually consisted of 500 to 1,000 pounds. The largest shipment went to the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank. Their truck left the West Campus lot with 3,000 pounds of potatoes.

However, just giving to the larger organizations is also the biggest draw back said Andy Mobley, the volunteer coordinator.

"Many people hear about this event and think they can come by and pick potatoes up without previously arranging to do so," said Mobley, a fourth year potato dropper. "You don't

want to turn anyone away because that is what we are here for, but we also have to make sure all of the organizations get their share."

Unloading the truck only took about two hours and since the potatoes were pre-bagged, volunteers had plenty of downtime to enjoy themselves on an overcast afternoon. Many of the volunteers threw footballs and flying discs, while others sat in circles and talked.

Sitting around spuds all day could amplify someone's hunger, but many community businesses contributed food.

"Krispy Kream, McDonalds, Chick-fil-a, and Papa John's brought food for everyone," said Sedor, who carted six bags of pizzas through the anxious crowd. "We even had

97.7 (WMGZ) come out in the morning. They helped get the word out."

Whether students came with a group, a class or just for a good time, they all did a good service for the community. Matt Grattan, a senior political science major, came with ten Pi Kappa Alpha members.

"It's just loadin' taters," Grattan said. "I would not even hesitate to come back and do this again. The spuds are great, but the best part about (the potato drop) is the free food and giving back to the community."

For students like Grattan who enjoy the potato drop, they might not have to wait as long. Mobley thinks they will do another food drop in the springtime. Maybe apples next time.

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are redeemed for money.

For the third part of the equation, the items must be sorted, organized and transported regularly to these markets. Most importantly a means of transportation needs to be arranged.

Lastly, all these efforts will be evaluated to see just how much difference a recycling plan has made, how much money has been saved, and how much closer we truly are to being a "green campus."

Oetter, along with the RPIPC, is pushing for a certification that would label the GCSU campus as a "green campus." To receive such a certification certain things like overall energy efficiency in lighting, computer usage, materials management, fertilizer usage, toxic materials management and efficiency in campus transportation methods are considered.

The effort would contribute to up to \$80,000 that could potentially be saved as a result of implementing this new recycling plan, and a new job could be created for someone who would maintain the program and keep it and other future "green campus" efforts sustainable, without letting them diminish or die off over time.

"Our campus should be a role model to the community," Oetter said. "I want us to be the greenest campus in Georgia."

To promote the new recycling proposal, the Environmental Science Club will be demonstrating on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at

Front Campus, where students, faculty and staff can learn about the benefits and detriments of recycling. Also, they will host a speaker from a waste management facility in Macon, as well as a viewing of the movie "Trashed."

Do you live off campus and want to recycle, but don't know where to start? Visit the Environmental Science Club's website at www2.gcsu.edu/orgs/student/esc/ to find a link to the "Baldwin County Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling Guide," where detailed information is listed on how and where you can recycle your items.

Recycling Facts ...

-Turning off the faucet when you brush your teeth can save 9 gallons of water every time you brush your teeth.

-The average American uses about 580 pounds of paper each year.

-Americans go through 2.5 million plastic bottles a year.

-Every ton of recycled office paper saves 380 gallons of oil.

-Americans throw away 44 million newspapers everyday. That's the same as dumping 500,000 trees into landfills each week.

-When you toss out one aluminum can you waste as much energy as if you'd filled the same can half-full of gasoline and poured it into the ground.

-If every household reused a paper grocery bag for one shopping trip, about 60,000 trees would be saved.

*Information from <http://www.oberlin.edu/recycle/facts.html>

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12:30 p.m. Girls and Their Drinks Lunch & Learn at the Women's Resource Center
7 p.m. Q&A Forum with Public Safety and the Student Judicial Board at the Magnolia Ballroom

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

7 p.m. Speaker Eric Krug at the A&S Auditorium

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

7 p.m. Art as an Agent for Change presents Artistic Outreach at the MSU Lounge

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

2 p.m. Carnival on Front Campus
5 p.m. Live music on Front Campus
7 p.m. Speaker Chris Sandy
8 p.m. Live music on Front Campus

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

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(L-R) Actors Alexandria Drake, Charles Bender, Steven Jones, Lashaundra Pierce and Cory Olesen in SGA's presentation of "Evolution," a play written by Eddie Zipperer and directed by Nick Thompson.

RSO brings show to life

BY LEE SANDOW
SENIOR REPORTER

On Oct. 4 to 7 the GCSU New Play Project presented "Evolution," a play written by GCSU Grad Student Eddie Zipperer in the Max Noah Recital Hall.

The New Play Project is a new RSO that uses its funds to get plays and productions written by GCSU students on to the stage. It receives funding from SGA in order to fund the plays that take place.

"A play is only half done until it is put on stage," director Nick Thompson said to the crowd before the show. "(The New Play Project) is to help student playwrights get their productions on stage."

"Evolution" is a story about the power struggle between the strong and the smart in a fledgling caveman society, and how both misuse their different strengths at various times.

The story came to Zipperer while he was working a construction job.

"After I graduated from college with my undergrad degree, I had no job," Zipperer said. "So I had to work construction. I was the lowest person on the job - I was a ditch digger. That's what got me thinking about being the smartest caveman."

The play took Zipperer about three months to write.

"I usually make a lot of changes as I write, but this one really came to me without many changes," Zipperer said.

Though the play was not originally meant to be a comedy, it evolved throughout the rehearsal process to become more humorous.

"At first the writer said it's not supposed to be funny," said junior Steven Jones, who played the caveman Slarth and whose constant attachment to his drum was one of the running gags throughout the production. "The first time he saw us run through it he didn't like it, but he started liking it after that."

Zipperer was pleased with the final product.

"It was fantastic; I loved it," he said. "A lot was not what I was expecting, but that's why I asked Nick Thompson to direct it, because I knew he'd do a good job with whatever he came up with."

According to GCSU alum Charles Bender, who played the intelligent and manipulative Richard, there were no inherently evil characters in the performance.

"There are no bad characters, just one who's a little bit of jerk," he said, referring to his own character. "But he did (the things he did) to protect society, even from itself."

Sophomore Warren Downs played Unka, dim-witted but kind brother to Richard, and disagreed about Richard's role in society.

"He got what he had coming," Downs said. "The play comments about society and politics, and his character abused power.

Absolute power corrupts absolutely."

Downs' character stabbed Richard for "the good of society" near the end of the play.

The students who participated in the play enjoyed the experience, even though most of them were not theatre majors themselves.

"(Acting in the play) was great," sophomore Alexandria Drake said. "Everyone should have an opportunity to do something like this."

Lauren McDonald, sophomore, who played the female lead as Gruba also enjoyed the experience.

"It was absolutely a great experience," McDonald said. "I hope to do more in the future."

The actors also emerged literally stronger from the experience, as they were constantly forced to walk on their hands and knees and remain hunched over for most of the performance.

"It was bad for the first week or so," said junior Lashaundra Pierce, who played a caveman extra. "But then we got used to it. It's second nature now."

McDonald agreed, even though her character usually walked upright.

"My knees are one big bruise," she said.

"Evolution" will be showing at Georgia Military College on Oct. 24 in the Goldstein Auditorium. The show will begin at 8 p.m.

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midway rides and games, exclusive exhibits, vendors, street entertainers, and lots of food! There are mazes like the "Haunted Mansion" and "Crystal Lil's." Varieties of twirling rides and booths were you may win prizes; you can also go see camels and other odd animals from around the world at the Eudora Animals tent. There is even freak exhibits circus-style, such as "The Worlds Smallest Woman."

Entertaining the crowds there will also be "The Pirates of the Caribbean High Dive Shows," the Live Stingray exhibit, "The Future Of Magic" with award winning Illusionists Dale Scott & Ana, the nightly laser light show, Robinson's Racing Pigs, Tammy Harris Barton a hypnotist, and much, much more. By the hour there are shows awaiting eager fair-goers. As college students, it is relaxing to jump back into the days when we went to

the fair in the fall with our family and friends. Perhaps the fair is exactly what we need to start the season with!

The 18th Annual Georgia National Fair represents "Georgia's youth, agriculture, and heritage." There is something for everyone to have a good time. For this fact, and many others, the fair has been designated in the "Top 50 Fairs" by Amusement Business

magazine and www.carnivalwarehouse.com. Katie Conrad, freshman at GCSU who went with her boyfriend and her parents, says, "The fair was extremely fun! I got to eat funnel cakes - and I just love the atmosphere!" ~Guaranteed, there is something for just about everyone. So get in the fall spirit and go have some fun at the Georgia National Fair!



CHELSEA THOMAS / STAFF REPORTER
The Georgia National Fair is held in Perry, Ga. each year in October.

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Gay-Straight Alliance scared a lot of allies and glb (gay, lesbian, bisexual) people before they came to meetings.

"(People) didn't want to be seen under the word gay for various reasons, so change was needed to make people feel more at ease to come in and see what we're all about," Bruner said.

She said that she hopes the name change will create a positive change within the organization.

"I hope it will make glbtqi (gay, straight, bisexual, transgendered, question-

ing, intersexed) and allies feel pride in themselves for being involved in positive change," Bruner said. "We really do want anyone and everyone to come to our meetings, but because of the name or how the name was perceived, a lot of people didn't come to our meetings or they didn't come to events."

Nyota Sandja a senior liberal studies major, said it is a positive move to change the name, but it could also be misconstrued.

"Many people don't really understand the name change because the word 'pride' seems to give an arrogant look," she said.

"It's just to show people how proud we are of being who we are and how proud straight people are of being allies."

Procopio said one of the biggest changes she would like to see from the name change is the student body's perception of Pride Alliance's identity.

"It would be completely worth the effort if even one student's idea of our organization shifts from, 'Oh, that's the gay group,' to 'Oh, that's a group of students, some of whom are gay and some of whom are not, that is concerned with issues of equality and celebrating all kinds of diversity'."

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Bobcats bounce back with big win

BY BROOKE WILLIAMS
SENIOR REPORTER

The rainy weather may have kept the GCSU women's soccer team caged last Wednesday but nothing stopped the Bobcats from unleashing their intensity in a sweeping victory against Shorter College on Saturday.

After two difficult losses the previous week to Armstrong Atlantic State University and Lander University, the Bobcats were determined to dominate on their home field.

"Our mindset going into the game against Shorter College was to keep everything intense on the bench and on the field," said freshman mid-fielder Karly Zapp. "We knew we needed to win and we focused on staying hyped up."

Shorter took the lead eight minutes into the game but their first goal was also their last.

GCSU senior, Alex Stover, broke through the defense ten minutes later with a pass that freshman Kelli McLane put in the back of the net to tie up the game. Shortly after,

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Soccer at a glance

Current record: 6-3
PBC record: 1-2
Remaining PBC games: 4

Last four games:

Sept. 22 W 5-0 vs. UA-Huntsville
Sept. 26 L 1-2 @ Lander
Sept. 29 L 0-1 @ No. 8 AASU
Oct. 6 W 6-1 vs. Shorter

Next four games:

Oct. 11 @ Georgia Southwestern
Oct. 13 vs. Mars Hill
Oct. 17 @ Clayton St.
Oct. 20 vs. Newberry



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Scott Murray (left) attempts to block a pass from Alex Pound (right) in practice at West Campus.

Ultimate success Disconnected wins disc tournament

BY HEATHER RAINES
STAFF WRITER

Disconnected, GCSU's Ultimate team, has been representing the school in disc tournaments all over the Southeast for the past four years.

Disconnected traveled to Columbus over the weekend to compete for its first team victory in the this season. The team had an overall great performance coming in third out of a total of 18 teams.

"The tournament was crazy," said Victor Pulizzi, a sophomore member of the team. "We had a lot of awesome games including a really close one against Georgia Tech. Even though in the end we barely lost, the tournament was phenomenal."

The team has come a long way in the past few years. It started with a small number of sweaty guys just throwing the disc around.

"When I came here, I would see a bunch of guys playing pick-up games on

Front Campus. I had a lot of experience with organized disc so I went out there one day and asked if they wanted to try out a flat field without trees, and maybe even some cleats," said Dr. Doug Oetter, who has been the coach of Disconnected since it began.

The guys went along with Oetter's idea and soon the official Ultimate team, Disconnected, was born. They began holding formal practices and competing against other Ultimate teams in weekend tournaments.

Disconnected is now a registered member of the Ultimate Players Association. The UPA is a completely player run organization that monitors the registered teams and their results throughout the season.

According to the UPA, GCSU is currently ranked 78 out of 477 registered teams in the country. Although this season is just getting started, hopes are high for a successful year.

"We have a lot of new talent this year, not only freshman, but returning students as well," said Scott Murray, president of the Bobcat Ultimate Club. "That should be a huge benefit to the team."

Although only four years old, the team has developed from just a few guys playing on Front Campus to a close knit co-ed team of about 20, and it's still growing.

Pulizzi and Murray both attribute the team's success to Oetter.

"The leadership is great. Dr. Oetter really does a fine job of making everyone want to continue to be a part of the team year after year," Murray said.

Pulizzi also agreed, "Dr. Oetter is the life of the team. The flame the tribe dances around."

Along with the returning members excitement for this season, the new members are eager to get their first season

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Tennis closes at Chic-fil-A event

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

The abbreviated fall season came to a close last weekend as the GCSU tennis squads showed their strong potential at the Chic-fil-A Collegiate Championships in Augusta.

"The fall season started a little slow," head coach Steve Brasby said. "We didn't play great at our tournament, we went to the regionals and got some decent results there, and then went to Augusta this past weekend and things looked a little more promising. The field wasn't as deep, but a lot of the matches our guys played at the end were against (The University of South Carolina at) Aiken, the team that knocked us out of the (Peach Belt) Conference tournament

last year, and head to head we were four and one, the only one we lost was our No. 1 guy, Erick Siquiera."

Siquiera, who won the GCSU Men's Fall Tournament, came in second in the Flight 1 bracket after falling 6-3, 7-6 to Aiken's Dagoberto Darezzo.

"Erick played some challenging matches this fall and lost," Barsby said. "Some of the guys (on the team) started to think they were on his level, and I always joke that Erick is better when the lights are on, so once we started going to tournaments Erick played very well. He was the first guy ever to win our tournament at the top flight. He only lost twice and they are both to guys that are



AUSTIN CABOT / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior Tony Betucci practices his serve at the Centennial Center. The Bobcats wrapped up their fall season last weekend at the Chic-fil-A Collegiate Championships.

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Bassin' for athletic money

BY DANIEL TROUTMAN
STAFF REPORTER

The Athletic Department of GCSU had its second fall Classic Bobcat Bass Tournament at Little River Park last Wednesday.

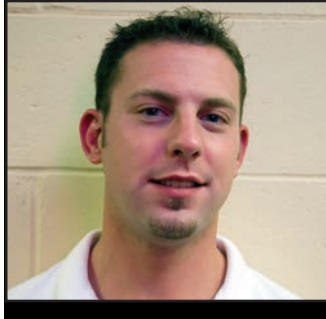
The Bobcat Bass tournament, which began this past spring, started as another fundraiser to capitalize on Milledville's love of bass fishing and provide scholarships for student-athletes in addition to its fall golf tournament and spring auction.

"Several people at our physical plant had said that 'we would like to be involved but we don't know how to play golf,'" Dr. Stan Aldridge, GCSU's athletic director, said.

He also said their participation in the tournament was a way to thank Plant Operations

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The Season PASS



BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SPORTS EDITOR

GCSU's tennis and golf teams have both concluded their fall season and now will spend the next couple of months preparing for their spring schedules.

Both of these teams' fall schedules are very short, and with no major title on the line the coaches tend to use these seasons to evaluate their teams for the spring season and prepare players for the intense competition that they will face in the Peach Belt Conference schedules in the spring.

Golf and tennis are both sports that tend to be dominated by PBC teams.

Currently in golf, four of the top eight ranked teams, according to the Golf World/Nike Division II Coaches Poll, hail from PBC including GCSU, which is ranked No. 8.

In men's tennis eight of the top 30 teams ranked by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association were PBC members. GCSU ended the season ranked No. 24.

Women's tennis is very similar with eight of the top 20 ITA ranked teams coming from the PBC. GCSU finished No. 11.

How did our teams do this fall?

The word that comes to my mind is "okay."

Neither head golf coach Jimmy Wilson nor head tennis coach Steve Barsby seemed too enthralled with their team's performance in the fall season, but they both remained optimistic for spring.

Both teams head into off-season conditioning eyeing a PBC championship in the spring.

Williams did a lot of experimenting in the fall season. Never, in any of the four tournaments his team competed, did he have his true starting line-up playing.

Barsby took a different approach, keeping his better players at the top, however both the men's and women's teams should have more players added to the spring roster that will immediately add talent to the squads.

So there is certainly no need to panic. These teams are going to be good.

I predict that, come spring, Bobcat golf will be hard to beat. With a top-notch freshman class and veterans like Niclas Johansson and Kyle Collins, look for the team to be in the hunt for the PBC title.

The tennis squads will also both be strong. Look for them to improve as the season goes on, but don't expect PBC titles this year against such stiff competition.

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Saturday 5 p.m. Mars Hill
Wednesday 7 p.m. @ Clayton St.

Cross-Country:

Saturday @ Sevannee, Tenn.

Basketball:

Sunday 11 p.m. Midnight Madness

Stat of the Week

1088

The number of points scored by senior center Aaron Clark in his Bobcat basketball career. He is ranked tenth all-time in point for GCSU basketball.

Soccer

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Zapp, assisted by sophomore Jamie Nevin and freshman Kayla Emerson, scored her second career-goal putting GCSU in the lead.

Team work was an obvious theme of the game as the Bobcats went on to score four more goals against Shorter, totaling six goals by six different GCSU players. The Bobcats beat Shorter College with a final score of 6-1. GCSU freshman Keri Wright scored her first career-goal and sophomores Lyric Burnett and Daria Owen both scored their first goals of the season.

"We like playing at home obviously," said GCSU head coach Robert Parr. "Even though the game didn't start off the way we wanted, we recovered nicely and accomplished our goal of getting different players involved on offense."

Zapp credits Parr's pre-game speech contributing to the successful victory for the team.

"He didn't tell us to go kill the other team, instead he encouraged bringing out the team's chemistry and finally we realized we all needed to get on the same page," Zapp said. "There were these three rules on the board and one of them was to play for the team and everyone really took that to heart."

Plenty of GCSU soccer fans turned out to cheer the team on and show their support. Zapp said the opposing teams never have the high attendance and community encouragement that the Bobcats have on their home field.

"We have amazing female athletes at this uni-

versity; especially in soccer," said Amit Patel, a senior business major. "The GCSU women's soccer team is very talented, they definitely deserve a huge, supportive crowd at their games."

The Lady Bobcats did receive a lot of support from their fans and from each other as they defended their territory against Shorter College last Saturday. They hope to continue their intensity as they move forward in the season.

"We are working on put-

ting all the pieces together both offensively and defensively," Parr said. "The focus will be on consistency for the upcoming games and throughout the rest of the season."

The GCSU women's soccer team is on the road this week. Their next game will be Thursday, Oct. 11 against Georgia Southwestern State University at 4 p.m. in Americus.

The Bobcats' next home game will be this Saturday when the host Mars Hill College at 5 p.m.



FILE PHOTO
Sophomore mid-fielder Daria Owen clears a ball in GCSU's game against the University of Alabama at Huntsville on Sept. 22. The Bobcats are currently 1-2 in Peach Belt Conference action with four PBC games remaining. This week the team will host Mars Hill College on Saturday and travel to Clayton State University on Wednesday.

Ultimate

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underway.

"I wanted to play on the team because I just really love playing disc. I need to have some kind of physical activity, and Ultimate is great," said Charles Avirett, a new Disconnected team member. "We have practice three days a week. We throw to warm up our arms and legs, run drills, practice specific offense and defense, do long distance throws, and then play pick-up games against each other."

After practicing hard all

week, Disconnected travels around the Southeast to weekend tournaments.

According to the UPA, the weekend long tournaments consist of round robin games all day Saturday and single elimination games on Sunday. To win the entire tournament, a team must play a total of eight games in one weekend.

"The tournaments are tough, but so rewarding at the same time," Murray said. "It is definitely the best part."

In addition Oetter said, "We do go out there to beat the other teams, but after it's all over we go out on the field and celebrate and

shake hands. It's all about the spirit of the game. Ultimate is called 'ultimate' because it inspires you personally to reach your ultimate (goal). Win or lose anyone is capable of accomplishing their ultimate goal on the field."

Disconnected is currently open for new membership.

"Everyone is welcome to come out and play pick-up games every Wednesday night at eight at West Campus. Anyone who is interested in the team or likes playing disc should come," Murray said. "No pressure at all. We would just love to have people come out and play."

Tournament

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for all the work they do.

"Our physical plant does a lot for us, for all of us," Aldridge said. "We wanted to do something fun for them. That's as important to us as the money itself."

When the Athletic Department had the first Bobcat Bass Tournament in the spring, they awarded most of the money back to participants as prize money.

"We gave back most of the prize money just to try to get people interested and (so they) know what they're doing," Aldridge said.

This year they gave a smaller percentage back to the winners to begin raising money for the Athletic Department.

The tournament had 17 boats and 34 people participate this year. About \$1,000 was raised from the event.

Aldridge and his staff look to put together a better tournament next year.

"We got some good advice," Aldridge said. "None of us knew what the heck we were doing."

Aldridge also said that some professional bass fisherman who participated in the tournament gave advice on how to attract more pro fishermen in the future.

"They said that (we) could easily get 30 or 40 boats (participating) if you work at it," Aldridge said.

He also said a professional bass fisherman participated in the tournament to practice for future tournaments.

No students participated in the tournament this year but Aldridge said that is something he wants to fix.

"I would assume the most difficult thing from a student's standpoint is a boat to fish out of," Aldridge said. "(Students are) probably not going to bring a bass boat with (them) and keep it at school

year-round."

Aldridge does think a few students would be interested in participating in the tournament.

"I would think there would be some people who would be interested in fishing in it," Aldridge said. "If there are we would love to have them."

Matt Henry, a sophomore environmental science major, spends a lot of time competing in fishing tournaments, but said he did not find out about the tournament until the day before it was scheduled.

"When I heard about it, I really wanted to fish it, but I have an 8 a.m. class on Wednesdays, and the tournament was on Wednesday," Henry said. "That is why I didn't participate, but I know that the tournament was not very well publicized. I think they should schedule it around classes, though. A weekday is a terrible time for a fishing tournament."

Tennis

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probably going to be top 20 ranked guys in the country."

The Bobcats dominated the Flight 2 bracket with junior Frances Yoshimoto taking the singles title. Yoshimoto paired up with sophomore Max Beliankou to claim the doubles title as well.

Yoshimoto was named GCSU Athlete of the Week for his efforts in the tournament.

"Frances is a JUCO transfer in his first year (at GCSU) and potentially he can be a good player for us," Barsby said. "We have to get him in better shape, in the fall he played well in spots, and once we get him going into spring I think he will be fine."

Beliankou grabbed his own singles title by sweeping the Flight 3 bracket and sophomore Jaoa Casagrande added another title for the Bobcats in Flight 4.

The women did not find as much success in Augusta as the men did, but the Lady Bobcats showed that they have a very high level of potential for the coming spring season, as well.

"On the women's side, I think we are going to be better than last year," Barsby said. "We are going to be deeper, on the top, I think, we are going to be about the same. We have only added one player this fall, who is a true freshman and we are waiting to hear on a ruling from the NCAA about

another girl, to get her eligible, and she would fit in at a high spot in the lineup."

The true freshmen Barsby mentioned is Bertille Lion. Lion earned a consolation title at the Flight 4 level in Augusta, where she lost only on game over her two consolation wins.

The other highlight for the Lady Bobcats included senior Sofia Intriago teaming up with junior Gabby Acuna at the Flight 1 doubles level. The pair went 1-1 in the tournament.

"(The women) had a good fall, we didn't have a great fall," Barsby said.

"We realize there is definitely some work to do, but I think we are going to be alright."

Barsby said the next two months will be dedicated to strength and conditioning in which they will workout four times a week. The workouts will include running five miles a day, weight training and stretching routines.

"If the team keeps working we are going to be fine," Barsby said. "The team is a lot younger than it has been and it takes a while to be successful, and this fall has been sort of a wake up call."

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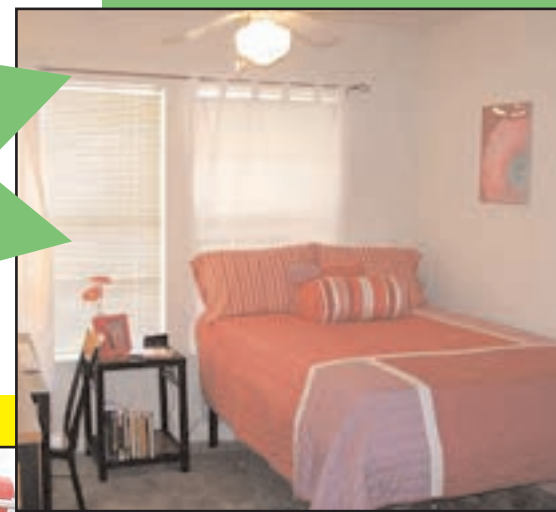
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